



Image

AF  
2823

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re App[lication]ant:

Daniel Xu  
Serial No.: 09/975,163  
Filed: October 11, 2001  
For: Forming Tapered Lower Electrode  
Phase-Change Memories

§ Art Unit: 2823  
§ Examiner: Brook Kebede  
§ Docket: ITO.0508US  
§ P12501

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REPLY TO FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

In response to the final rejection mailed February 12, 2004, reconsideration is requested in view of the following remarks.

Date of Deposit: February 23, 2004  
I hereby certify under 37 CFR 1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as **first class mail** with sufficient postage on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

*Cynthia L. Hayden*  
Cynthia L. Hayden